

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 148

By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Pamela D. Murray upon being named the Woman Grocers of America Woman of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Pamela D. Murray, who has served with acumen and alacrity for twenty-eight years with K-VA-T Food Stores, Incorporated, a family-owned chain and member of the National Grocers Association (NGA) and parent company of Food City; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2009, Ms. Murray received the Woman Grocers of America (WGA) Woman of the Year Award at the Chairman's Dinner and Gala at the 2009 NGA Annual Convention and Supermarket Synergy Showcase in Las Vegas, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the WGA awards this honor to a woman whose leadership in the NGA and other industry organizations has contributed to the success of her company, the well-being of the grocery industry, and the betterment of her community; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated member of the WGA, Pamela Murray has proven her leadership through involvement in numerous company-related organizations such as the United Way, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the American Cancer Society, the American Diabetes Association, and the East Tennessee Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, she has also helped to coordinate the hospitality tent and suites at Food City's four annual NASCAR races, the annual Miss Food City's Pageant, the Virginia's Best Bagger Contest, and the annual associate fundraising project aimed at assisting needy local families during the Christmas holidays; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Murray was nominated for the award by K-VA-T's President and Chief Executive Officer Steven C. Smith and Director of Training Barbara Thomas, who, in their remarks on Ms. Murray's years of service to the company, noted her remarkable ability to inspire her co-workers and anyone else who might come into contact with her; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Murray truly epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Pamela D. Murray upon being named the Woman of the Year by the Woman Grocers of America, thank her for her meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.